

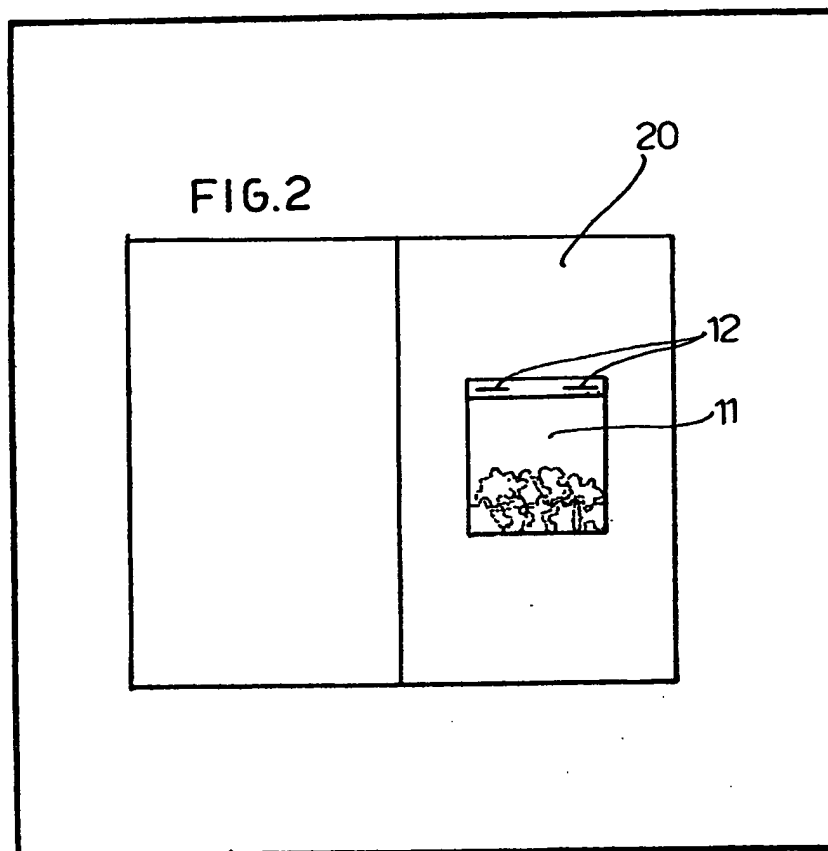
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(54) Jigsaw puzzle greetings card

(57) A greetings card (20) includes a portion carrying a picture, message or the like in the form of a puzzle, in particular a jigsaw puzzle. The pieces

can be enclosed within the card, suitably within an envelope (11) of plastics material or the like. The pieces can be put together by the recipient to reveal a message or a picture, for example, a photograph of the sender.



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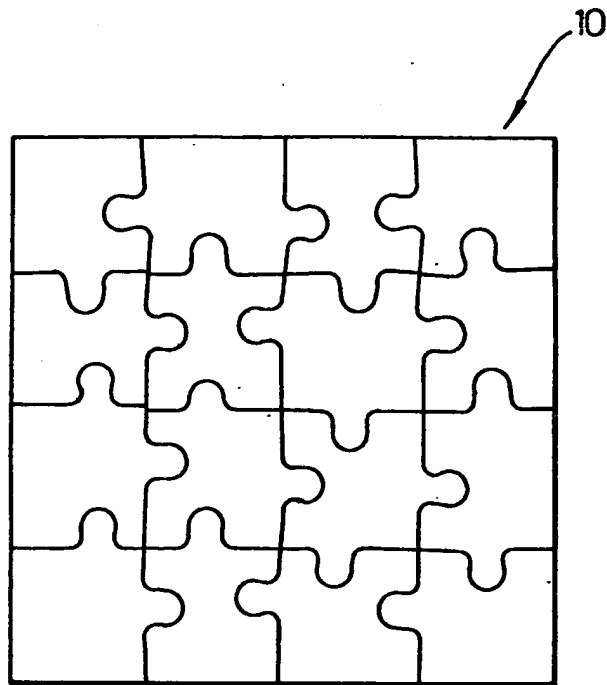


FIG. 1

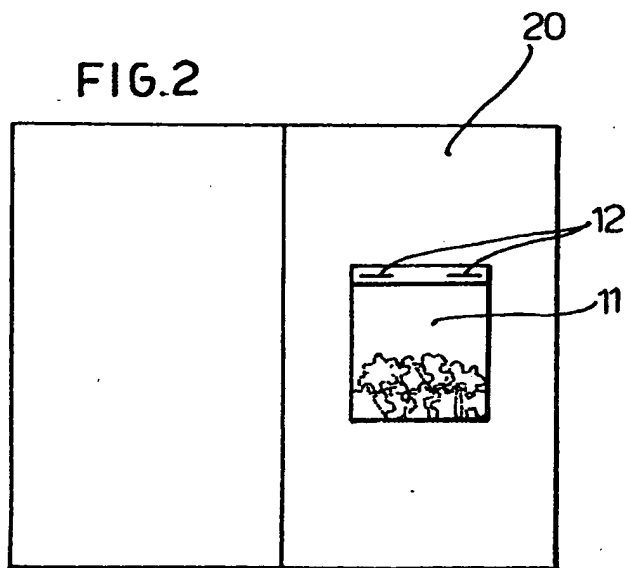


FIG. 2

SPECIFICATION

Well-wishing, congratulation or similar cards consisting at least partly, of a puzzle

The present invention refers to well-wishing, congratulation or similar cards.

Presently cards are sold with already printed phrases and/or representations, and they may be personalized by means of words. Some of said cards are made in such a way that a particular design results in relief when opened.

However all said cards are of an immediate reading from the receiver.

The scope of this invention is to stimulate the addressee's curiosity since the card is sent discomposed, or disordered in several re-composable elements according to the known modalities of a puzzle composition.

Said card will be described hereinafter with reference to the enclosed drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is the view of a puzzle card as it is sold and

Fig. 2 is the view of the card containing a discomposed puzzle.

The present invention foresees a card containing a puzzle or mini-puzzle.

Usually the card will be bought by the sender with an already made up puzzle (10), clearly showing the separation lines of the various elements or pieces are represented in Figure 1.

The text will be written and/or a design or pattern will be made on it; the puzzle will be then signed and subsequently discomposed.

In general, the number of the elements in which the puzzle will be divided depends on sizes of the puzzle according to an optimal ratio: number of pieces/size of the puzzle.

However one can foresee cases of puzzles comprising a lower number of pieces with regard to the optimal ratio, such as to facilitate the composition.

It is foreseen that the puzzle or mini-puzzle which the addressee must re-compose, is the end of a series of designs started either on the

previous pages, or on the front page or even on the same page.

It is foreseen that the puzzle sent by the sender may be, in particular, his personal photo, or the photo of his own family, or any other personal souvenir.

Once the puzzles have been written, they are discomposed into a certain number of elements, then the elements will be enclosed in plastic envelopes 11 (Figure 2), closed with one or two clamps and sent to the addressee. This latter in order to be able to know who is the sender and the contents of the message, must re-compose the puzzle or mini-puzzle.

Claims

1. A well wishing, congratulation or similar card, characterized in that it consists of a puzzle or a mini-puzzle which, once that it has been written and/or signed by the sender, it is discomposed and then sent to the addressee.
2. A card according to claim 1, characterized in that the discomposed puzzle is sent to the addressee in a plastic envelope.
3. A card according to claims 1 and 2, characterized in that it is re-composed by the addressee starting from the pieces he has received, according to the modalities of a puzzle.
4. A card according to claims 1 to 3 characterized in that the subject of the puzzle or mini-puzzle is a photo, in particular a photo of the writer or of his family.
5. A card according to claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the subject of puzzle or mini-puzzle is the continuation of a story began on the previous page, or pages, or on the same page.
6. A card according to claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the ratio between the number of pieces and the size of the puzzle or mini-puzzle is lower than the optimal one, thus making it easier to compose.
7. A greetings or similar card substantially as herein described with reference to, and as illustrated in, the accompanying drawings.

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